# RESEARCH MEMORANDUM:

## Genealogical Correction regarding the Maternal Lineage of Don Guillermo Arada

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## 1. Abstract / Summary

This memorandum serves as a formal update and correction to the genealogical records of the Matutino-Arada lineage. Based on primary source evidence from a Spanish colonial-era document dated May 31, 1886, the maternal parentage of Don Guillermo Arada is hereby rectified. This document establishes the transition from oral family tradition to verified documentary evidence.

## 2. Primary Evidence and Source Material

While researching the Arada branch in the Municipality of Anilao (Iloilo Province, Philippines), a colonial-era inhabitant register was identified via FamilySearch.org (Image Group Number: 007911989, Image 697).

- **Document Date:** May 31, 1886.
- **Entry Details:** Guillermo Arada is listed as 21 years old.
- **Parental Information:** The document explicitly names **Petrona Aposaga** as the mother of Guillermo Arada.
- **Contradiction of Tradition:** There is no mention of Maria Concepcion Aranda as his mother within this contemporary record.

## 3. Genealogical Correction and Nomenclature

The traditional name "Guillermo Arada y Aranda" was maintained through oral tradition and earlier notes. However, following the Spanish colonial naming convention—where the full

name consists of the first name, paternal surname, and maternal surname—the historically accurate form is established as follows:

- **Evidence-Based Name:** Guillermo Arada y Aposaga.
- **Explanation of Discrepancy:** The previous reliance on the surname "Aranda" likely resulted from a transmission error over generations or confusion with a stepmother.

## 4. Implications for Family Records

This finding indicates that Guillermo Arada y Aposaga and his siblings associated with the Aranda line (Cayetano, Rosario, Manuel, and Antonia) are technically half-siblings. This correction is a direct result of the primary evidence and does not impact the hereditary Principalia heritage of the Matutino family or the legitimate descent through Doña Leoncia Matutino y Aberde.

## 5. Conclusion

Based on the primary colonial evidence from May 31, 1886, Petrona Aposaga is formally recorded as the biological mother of Don Guillermo Arada. While the "y Aranda" form remains a part of the family's oral history and shared narrative, the Aposaga lineage is prioritized for all future formal genealogical documentation.

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